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American Indian/Minority Achievement

Date: January 17, 2007
To: Education Appropriations Subcommittee
Cc: AIMA file
From: Ellen Swaney, Director
RE: Update – Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment grants

The legislature approved \$2.0 million in the 2007 biennium to support tribal colleges, specifically for equipment needs and to support efforts at each college to detail tribal history for use by the State of Montana in meeting the constitutional and statutory obligations related to the Indian Education for All program in K-12 education. This appropriation is to be distributed equally among the seven tribal colleges. The legislature approved this as a biennial, one-time-only (OTO) appropriation.

The Governor proposed \$ 2 million dollars for the tribal history & equipment grant projects. The money was divided evenly with each tribal college receiving \$285,714. Each campus received start up funding of \$8,571 and each campus submitted to us their signed Memorandum of Agreement which included their proposed budget and narrative before they received their first year of funding. Our initial meeting was held with the Montana tribal college presidents in conjunction with their AIHEC (American Indian Higher Education Consortium) July 12, 2005 meeting. Additional meetings were held at the Montana Historical Society – Helena, Rocky Mountain College – (Bureau of Indian Affairs presentation) Billings & MSU Bozeman where the project directors were shown the holdings of those institutions that might be of use in their project efforts.

Attached for your review:

1. Chart – TC History & Equipment Funding 07 Biennium
2. Primary Project Deliverables
 - a. Blackfeet Community College – Carol Murray, Project Director
 - b. Chief Dull Knife College – Dr. Richard Littlebear, President/Project Director
 - c. Fort Belknap College – Sean Chandler, Project Director
 - d. Fort Peck Community College – Caleb Shields, Project Director
 - e. Little Big Horn College – Hubert Two Leggins, Project Director
 - f. Salish Kootenai College – Julie Cajune, Project Director
 - g. Stone Child College – Dr. Matt Herman, Project Director
3. Benefits and uses of final project, statement for GAIN

**TRIBAL COLLEGE HISTORY & EQUIPMENT FUNDING
07 BIENNIUM**

College	Total Biennium Funding	Personal Services	Operating Expenses	Equip.
Fort Belknap College	\$ 285,714	\$ 105,850	\$ 80,000	\$ 99,864
Blackfeet Community College	285,714	84,587	85,652	115,475
Fort Peck Community College	285,714	127,530	95,041	63,143
Stone Child College	285,714	138,600	85,057	62,057
Salish Kootenai College	285,714	184,040	88,206	13,468
Chief Dull Knife College	285,714	151,225	103,378	31,111
Little Big Horn College	285,714	68,750	119,214	97,750
Total	<u>\$ 1,999,998</u>			

Blackfeet Community College

Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Name: Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Director: Carol Murray

Primary Project Deliverables

Milestone 1 – June 30, 2006, budget & narrative due July 31

- Outline of tribal history book
- Video story line
- Draft of history book
- Budget report and narrative due July 31

Milestone 2 – December 31, 2006

- Equipment purchased based on need
- Various presentations completed
- Progress report due for Montana Legislature, January 2007

Milestone 3 – June 30, 2007, budget & narrative due July 31

- Tribal history book
- Tribal history video
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2007

Project Duration Estimates

Project Milestone	Date
Project Start Date	07/01/05
Milestone 1	06/30/06
Milestone 2	12/31/06
Milestone 3	06/30/07
Project End Date	6/30/07

Chief Dull Knife College

Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Name: Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Director: Dr. Richard Littlebear

Primary Project Deliverables

Milestone 1 – June 30, 2006, budget report & narrative due July 31

- History of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe
- Development of learning modules
- Acquire equipment
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2006

Milestone 2 – December 31, 2006

- Progress report for Montana Legislature, January 2007

Milestone 3 – June 30, 2007, budget report & narrative due July 31

- Northern Cheyenne History book
- Learning modules
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2007

Project Duration Estimates

Project Milestone	Date
Project Start Date	07/01/05
Milestone 1	6/30/06
Milestone 2	12/31/06
Milestone 3	6/30/07
Project End Date	6/30/07

Fort Belknap College

Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Name: Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Director: Sean Chandler

Primary Project Deliverables

Milestone 1 – June 30, 2006, budget report & narrative due July 31

- Equipment research and order
- Documentary Series outlines – Aani and Nakoda
- Animated trickster stories outlines of the Aani and Nakoda
- Poster sized historical photographs of Aani and Nakoda ancestors to be chosen
- Training and development of film and animation projects
- Training interns in development of filmmaking
- Displays of archival material
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2006

Milestone 2 – December 31, 2006

- Progress report for Montana Legislature, January 2007
- Training and development of film and animation projects

Milestone 3 – June 30, 2007, budget report & narrative due July 31

- Aani and Nakoda documentary series
- Aani and Nakoda animated trickster stories
- Posters/Photographs of Aani and Nakoda ancestors
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2007

Project Duration Estimates

Project Milestone	Date
Project Start Date	7/1/06
Milestone 1	6/30/06
Milestone 2	12/31/06
Milestone 3	6/30/07
Project End Date	6/30/07

Fort Peck Community College

Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Name: Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Director: Caleb Shields

Primary Project Deliverables

Milestone 1 – June 30, 2006, budget report & narrative due July 31, 2006

- Fort Peck Tribal History of the Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes including Turtle Mountain
- Historical photographic collection
- Annotated bibliography of sources
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2006

Milestone 2 – December 31, 2006

- Progress report for Montana Legislature, January 2007

Milestone 3 – June 30, 2007, budget report & narrative due July 31, 2007

- Fort Peck Tribal History
- Photography collection
- Bibliography
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2007

Project Duration Estimates

Project Milestone	Date
Project Start Date	7/01/05
Milestone 1	6/30/06
Milestone 2	12/31/06
Milestone 3	6/30/07
Project End Date	6/30/07

Little Big Horn College

Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Name: Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Director: Hubert Two Leggins

Primary Project Deliverables

Milestone 1 – June 30, 2006, budget report & narrative due July 31

- Record Crow traditions
- Crow tribal history publications and exhibits
- Materials to train teachers/teachers guides
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2006

Milestone 2 – December 31, 2006

- Progress report for Montana Legislature, January 2007

Milestone 3 – June 30, 2007, budget report & narrative due July 31

- Crow tribal history publications and exhibits
- Crow tribal history materials and teacher guides
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2007

Project Duration Estimates

Project Milestone	Date
Project Start Date	7/1/05
Milestone 1	6/30/06
Milestone 2	12/31/06
Milestone 3	6/30/07
Project End Date	6/30/07

Salish Kootenai College

Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Name: Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Director: Julie Cajune

Primary Project Deliverables

Milestone 1 – June 30, 2006, budget report & narrative due July 31

- Student Tribal History Series Volumes I and II edited
- Media inventory and catalog of tribal history materials underway
- Searchable database design with library and tech staff
- Tribal Land History Multi-media design complete
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2006

Milestone 2 – December 31, 2006

- Progress report for Montana Legislature, January 2007
- Tribal Land History project completed – installation at Peoples' Center completed and CD ROMs pressed for distribution
- Student Tribal History Series Volume III edited
- Student Tribal History Volumes II and III printed

Milestone 3 – June 30, 2007, budget report & narrative due July 31

- 2 ½ hr DVDs on tribal history topics
- 4 children's books on tribal history topics
- Student Tribal History Series Volumes I, IV and V printed
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2007

Project Duration Estimates

Project Milestone	Date
Project Start Date	7/01/05
Milestone 1	6/30/06
Milestone 2	12/31/06
Milestone 3	6/30/07
Project End Date	6/30/07

Stone Child College

Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Name: Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Project Director: Dr. Matt Herman

Primary Project Deliverables

Milestone 1 – June 30, 2006, budget report & narrative due July 31

- Project Website (date to be announced)
- Tribal History Archives Special Collection
- Working Bibliography
- Project Brochure
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2006

Milestone 2 – December 31, 2006

- Progress report for Montana Legislature, January 2007

Milestone 3 – June 30, 2007, budget report and narrative due July 31

- Rocky Boy Tribal History
- Rocky Boy Tribal history video
- Budget report and narrative due July 31, 2007

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Project Start Date	7/1/05
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Tribal College Tribal History & Equipment Project Grant

Benefits and uses of final project:

The legislature approved \$2.0 million in the 2007 biennium to support tribal colleges, specifically for equipment needs and to support efforts at each college to detail tribal history for use by the State of Montana in meeting the constitutional and statutory obligations related to the Indian Education for All program in K-12 education. This appropriation is to be distributed equally among the seven tribal colleges. The legislature approved this as a biennial, one-time-only (OTO) appropriation.

The benefits and uses of the final products produced by the tribal colleges are many and varied. One of the most important benefits of the projects has been the acknowledgement by the State of Montana of the need for the tribal histories to be written by the tribes themselves, via the tribal colleges. This shows an attempt by the state to continue to work on government to government relationships with the tribes. Unfortunately the Little Shell Tribe was not included in this project because they do not have a tribal college. Additional funding should be allocated in the future to the Little Shell Tribe for the Little Shell tribal history.

Another benefit that stemmed from the project was the opportunity for the tribal colleges to hire project staff that had the sole responsibility of pulling together tribal history materials from many sources on the reservations as well as to compile materials from researchers for use in the final products. It has been exciting and rewarding to see the vast amount of materials and work that has been done in the past on the Montana tribes' histories and to see how this funding gave additional impetus to the work each tribe is doing. The money that was provided allowed the project to buy much needed equipment that will be used by the tribal colleges for years to come.

The products developed will primarily be used by the K-12 educational system, the Office of Public Instruction and the Board of Public Education, in their efforts to implement Indian Education for All over the coming years. The histories will also be used by individual teachers as they develop their own lesson plans on Indian issues for use in their own classrooms. The Indian Education office in the Office of Public Instruction has also offered funding to the history project directors for further development of curriculum materials based on the histories when they are completed.

Other anticipated users will be the faculty and staff of the Montana University System's Schools of Education as well as education staff of other state agencies such as the Montana Historical Society, the Montana Arts Council, the Montana Committee for the Humanities, and the Montana State Library as well as federal agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service. These materials will also be used by Native American Studies departments throughout the state. These materials will be also used by the Tribal Colleges themselves. The Department of Corrections, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and the Department of Military Affairs are a few of the places within state government where these materials could be used by their program staff.